

STATEMENT OF THE CLAIMS

1- 74 (cancelled)

75. (currently amended) An immunoassay analytical test apparatus for screening for the presence of an analyte in a sample of body fluid obtained from an animal subject, said apparatus comprising:

- (a) a first flow path including a sample receiving zone for receiving the sample;
- (b) a second flow path including non immobilized labeled immunoreactive material that can interact with said analyte;
- (c) a mobile phase receiving zone for receiving a mobile phase, said mobile phase receiving zone being in communication with said first and second flow path, and said mobile phase receiving zone being spaced downstream from said sample receiving zone along said first flow path; and
- (d) a detection zone including immunoabsorbent for binding said analyte when said analyte is present in said sample, said detection zone being manually moveable from a first position in communication with said first flow path to a second position in communication with said second flow path;

wherein when said detection zone is in its first position said sample receiving zone is spaced downstream from said detection zone along said first flow path and there is flow of said sample in said mobile phase from said sample receiving zone to said detection zone, whereby said analyte is allowed to substantially bind with said immunoabsorbent, when said analyte is present in said sample; and when said detection zone is in its second position there is flow of said labeled immunoreactive material in

said mobile phase to said detection zone without passing through said sample receiving zone, whereby said labeled immunoreactive material is allowed to substantially bind to said analyte, when said analyte has bound to said immunoadsorbent, so as to provide an indication of the presence of said analyte in said sample.

76. (cancelled)

77. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said detection zone is movable to be in communication with said first and second flow paths in sequence.

78. (cancelled)

79. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path includes a material selected from the group consisting of unlabeled immunoreactive material, hapten labeled immunoreactive material, unlabeled capture material, hapten-labeled capture material, and detector-labeled material, said material being upstream of said sample receiving zone.

80. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path includes a material selected from the group consisting of unlabeled immunoreactive material, hapten labeled immunoreactive material, unlabeled capture material, hapten labeled capture material, and detector labeled material, said material being downstream

of said sample receiving zone.

81. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path includes a material selected from the group consisting of unlabeled immunoreactive material, hapten labeled immunoreactive material, unlabeled capture material, hapten-labeled capture material, and detector-labeled material, said material being upstream and downstream of said sample receiving zone.

82. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path comprises material that potentiates flow towards said detection zone.

83. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 82, wherein the material of said first flow path potentiates flow towards said detection zone by capillary action.

84. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said second flow path comprises material that potentiates flow towards said detection zone.

85. (currently amended) The apparatus according to claim 84, wherein the material of said second flow path potentiates flow towards said detection zone by capillary action.

86. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path is selected from the group consisting of elongate sheet material, elongate strip material, and material absorbent to said mobile phase.

87. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 86, wherein said elongate sheet or strip includes a portion contactable with said first flow path.

88. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said second flow path is selected from the group consisting of elongate sheet material, elongate strip material, and material absorbent to said mobile phase.

89. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 88, wherein said elongate sheet or strip includes a portion contactable with said second flow path.

90. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said apparatus further includes a sink for collection of fluid exiting the detection zone.

91. (cancelled)

92. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said analyte is allergen specific IgE.

93. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 92, wherein said first flow path includes a matrix for the removal of non-IgE components.

94. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 93, wherein said matrix is

located between said sample receiving zone and said detection zone.

95. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 93, wherein said matrix is located in said sample receiving zone.

96. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path includes a filter arranged to separate components of said sample, said filter selected from a group consisting of a blood filter arranged to permit plasma to pass while capturing other blood constituents, and a matrix for the removal of material other than said analyte.

97. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said filter is located between said sample receiving zone and said detection zone.

98. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 96, wherein said filter is located in said sample receiving zone.

99. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path includes material that enables transport of said sample along said first flow path.

100. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said first flow path includes material that enables transport of at least a constituent of said sample along said first flow path.

101. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said mobile phase receiving zone includes a store of mobile phase.

102. (previously presented) The apparatus according to claim 75, further including a separate container for mobile phase, wherein said mobile phase may be released at said mobile phase receiving zone.

103 - 105 (cancelled)

106. (new) The apparatus according to claim 75, wherein said detection zone is disconnected from said second flow path when in its first position, and said detection zone is disconnected from said first flow path when in its second position.